Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But in the dearness allowance given to the subordinates in the Willingdon Island, to those who draw between 10 and 40 there is no gradation between them. Will the Government be pleased to enquire about that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* There is no need for the Government to make any enquiry as to what is being done in the Willingdon Island.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My information is that between 10 and 40 there is not any other rate fixed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the rate of dearness allowance given in Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secertary to Government):* Unfortunately I have not got full details here.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION—AGENCY OR BUREAU FOR

9. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state if they have any idea in view of the post-war reconstuctive measures, to institute an agency or bureau of statistical information in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Government have organised a separate Statistical Branch attached to the Diwan Peishkar's Office. The question of constituting another agency or bureau of statistical information does not, therefore, arise.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the present statistical Branch deals only with the statistics relating to the Revenue Department?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It relates not only to the Revenue Department but to many other statistics which are necessary for a civilised Government.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the number of hands already employed in connection with this work.

Mr. A. Madhava Prahbu *(Diwan Peishkar):* One statistical officer, three clerks, one typist and two or three peons.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether there is any particular reason why this is attached to the Diwan Peishkar's Office.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In all places it is attached to the Revenue Department so far as I know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether statistics of the cost of living are being studied?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is being studied.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know the results of the study.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It has not yet been possible to find out correct index.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

10. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they will be pleased to place on the Council Table the proceedings of the two meetings held at the Secretariat to consider measure for post-war reconstruction;

(*b*) what are the Government's concrete proposals of post-war reconstruction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Copies of the proceedings of the two meetings of the conference held in the Secretariat are placed on the table.

(*b*) The proposals are contained in the proceedings referred to in (*a*) above. Government have appointed a Deputy Secretary to be in charge of the post-war reconstruction works and the various proposals will be now duly checked and taken up for consideration by Government. The new officer will also initiate discussion and consideration of fresh proposals, that may be worthy of study.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether as stated in the minutes of the first conference there is any representative of our State on the 5 policy committees instituted by the Government of India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there any idea of having any representative of ours on any one of these 5 Committees.

Rama Varma Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. We have taken up the matter with the Government of India.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether it is the idea of this Government that these reconstruction schemes will be launched upon only after the termination of the war ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That will entirely depened upon the nature of the proposals.

Mr. President: May I remind the Hon'ble Member of what I stated yesterday morning. I think I gave sufficient indication as to what the Government proposals are.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Even with that helpful suggestion Sir, as I had the benefit of reading the Diwan President's speech over again may I know whether it is the idea of the Government not to launch upon any of the reconstruction schemes till the termination of the hostilities ?

Mr. President: I may answer that and say that it depends entirely upon how the situation develops. If materials become available at reasonably cheap rates, we may embark on some of those schemes before the termination of the war. The termination of the war is used in this connection as meaning a time when the price of materials and the cost of labour return to a normal level.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Is not re-construction after the war ?

Mr. President: Not necessarily. As and when circumstances permit.

11. **Mr. B. M. Peter** *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government given any basic plan for the officer in charge for the post-war reconstruction ;

(*b*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the same on the Council Table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. (Please see the answer to Question No. 10 (*b*).

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians):* May I know whether the officer in charge of the department has begun his work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, he has started work.

ANCHAL PEON MADHAVAN NAYAR—PUNISHMENT OF

12. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Anchal peon Madhavan Nayar attached to the Vadakkancheri Anchal Office has been departmentally punished recently, *i.e.*, in the year 1119 ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the punishment was and grounds for the punishment ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The anchalman was reduced from Rs. 13 to Rs. 12 for two months for misconduct.

ANCHAL PEONS—PAY OF

13. **Mr. M. Krishna Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present pay of Anchal peons ;

(*b*) whether the work of Anchal peons has not increased owing to war conditions ; and

(*c*) whether it is not necessary to increase their pay ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A permanent increase of Re. 1 has been sanctioned this year to all Anchalmen in their pay and the Anchalmen in the towns of Ernakulam, Cochin and Trichur have been sanctioned a war allowance of Re. 1 in addition. All get the usual dearness allowance.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government are aware of the minimum salary given to the Post Peons ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the number of Anchal Peons in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The figures are available in the printed Budget.

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